Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 20 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 21 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 19 Mar 2021 at 16:45 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for settled weather over the weekend then more changeable weather pattern becoming established during first half of next week.

Headline for Saturday 20 Mar 2021: Mostly dry, sunny spells. Thicker cloud and a little rain in north later in afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 20 Mar 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	<05%	10%	10%	<05%

Forecast for Saturday 20 Mar 2021

Weather: Patches of mist and low cloud soon dispersing to leave many ranges dry with sunny spells. Thicker cloud will move in from the north later in the afternoon to Monadhliath mountains and northern Cairngorms with a little rain. The rain will die out early evening with clear periods developing.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% decreasing 40% in north for a time late afternoon.

Visibility: Patches of mist at lower levels soon dispersing, otherwise good visibility with patchy cloud cover developing around 800m. Clouds becoming more extensive in north later in afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	13/16 NW	16/20 W	19/24 W	23/31 W	22/30 W	26/36 NW	28/37 NW	21/29 NW	18/25 NW
900	8/10 W	10/14 SW	12/16 SW	17/24 SW	19/27 W	21/30 NW	20/29 NW	15/22 N	11/17 NW
600	4/7 W	7/10 W	8/12 W	14/21 SW	16/25 W	17/27 W	13/21 NW	9/15 NW	8/14 NW
300	3/7 SW	4/11 SW	7/14 W	8/19 W	14/26 W	11/22 W	9/20 NW	6/14 NW	5/10 NW
Glen	3/8 SW	4/10 SW	4/13 SW	5/17 SW	7/22 W	7/24 W	6/19 NW	4/14 NW	3/10 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-2	2/-3	2/-4	1/-5	-0/-7	-0/-8	-1/-9	-3/-11	-4/-12
900	5/2	5/2	4/0	4/-0	3/-2	3/-2	2/-4	0/-6	-1/-6
600	6/4	6/4	6/3	7/3	6/2	6/2	4/0	2/-1	1/-2
300	5/4	5/4	5/2	7/4	9/6	9/6	7/4	5/2	3/1
Glen	5/5	5/4	5/4	8/7	11/8	11/9	7/5	5/3	3/2
Freezing Level*	1800m	1800m	1800m	1500m	1300m	1300m	1200m	900m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling cold on the tops with fresh winds and temperatures close to freezing. Sun glare to be expected from snow cover at higher elevations.

Forecast for Sunday 21 Mar 2021
Weather: A dry and bright day with sunny spells. Thicker cloud and a little rain reaching western areas later in the day.

Maximum wind: Fresh west or northwest winds, average speeds of 15 to 20mph and gusts 35mph on the tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% decreasing 30% in west of area by evening.

Visibility: Very good for much of the day with patchy cloud cover about 800m. Turning misty over Creag Meagaidh and Ben Alder by early evening with clouds coming well down the hills. .

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius rising to 11 Celsius.
At 800m: Zero Celsius.
Freezing level: 800m.

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